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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. GIOVANNI MOTZO, FORMER UIL REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR SARDINIA, WILL VISIT NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FOR 10 DAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 18 ON BEHALF OF THE ITALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE(LIDU) ITALIAN AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN. MOTZO'S MAIN PURPOSE WILL BE TO VISIT AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS TO TRY TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE LIDU IS RAISING IN ITALY TO FINANCE ITS COMBINED NATIONAL CONGRESS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "TERRITORIAL ASYLUM", TO BE HELD IN CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, IN OCTOBER 1977. MOTZO EXPLAINED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON THE PROBLEM OF FREEDOM TO LEAVE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. AS A REGIONAL OFFICIAL OF ITALY'S THIRD MAJOR LABOR CONFEDERATION, THE SOCIALIST, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN-ORIENTED UIL, MOTZO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY'S LABOR SECTION FOR MANY YEARS, AND HAS ALWAYS EMPHASIZED HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE UNITED STATES AND DISLIKE OF COMMUNISM. HE VISITED THE US UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN THE SIXTIES. HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY UNIPOL AND INSURANCE ORGANIZATION LINKED TO THE THREE LABOR CONFEDERATIONS.

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TO ASSIST MR.MOTZO IN MAKING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS, WITHOUT OF COURSE,ENDORSING HIS APPEALS FOR FUNDS. SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TALKING TO MOTZO, WHO WILL ALSO PLAN TO SEE LIDU'S COUNTERPART ORGANIZATION IN THE US. MOTZO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO PARIS NEXT WEEK TO SEE AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN, BUT HELP IN MAKING CONTACT WITH THE AFL-CIO IN WASHINGTON

AND THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL IN NEW YORK WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT LIDU IS A PRESTIGIOUS, PRIVATE, COLUNTARY OPINION-MAKING ORGANIZATION IN WHICH POLITICAL FIGURES FROM VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATE, AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION TO WHICH IT AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S.AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE AFFILIATED IS SIMILARLY PRESTIGIOUS AND IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.N.AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE.HOLMES

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